# 2025 Church Theme:

"Christians: Letting Go of the Past to Embrace the Present" (Isaiah 43:18-19)

# 10:00 A.M. Order of Service

# Devotion First Baptist Church of Perris Deacons

Call to Worship - Affirmatio	nClergy
Praise and Worship	FBC Mass Choir
Responsive Reading	Clergy
Announcements	Pastor
Welcome of	Guests & Two Minute Fellowship
Benevolent, Tithes & Offeri	ngsUshers/Trustees
Selection	FBC Mass Choir
Altar Prayer	Clergy
Selection	FBC Mass Choir
Gospel Message	Pastor-Teacher Rev. Terry L. Wells
Invitation to Discipleship	Pastor-Teacher Rev. Terry L. Wells
Benediction	.Pastor-Teacher Rev. Terry L. Wells

#### Sermon Outline Notes

Title: Let's Look at the Man or Woman in the Mirror Jas. 1:22-25

## Main Point 1: Reflection — Mirror My Message

## **Explanation Summary:**

This point calls you to honestly look at yourself using the mirror of God's Word. You are either a hearer only, deceiving yourself, or a doer who examines your true spiritual condition. Reflection requires humble, intentional self-examination to see both strengths and flaws.

# **Application Summary:**

You must daily examine yourself in light of Scripture, refusing to walk away unchanged. Honest reflection leads to spiritual maturity and prepares you for sanctification.

#### What We Can Learn:

True spiritual growth begins with honest self-assessment grounded in God's Word; passive hearing is insufficient and deceptive.

## Main Point 2: Realization — Recognize and Receive

## **Explanation Summary:**

Realization is owning the truth of God's perfect law and your personal obligation to persist in obeying it. It requires commitment, persistence, and embracing God's authority as liberating rather than burdensome.

## **Application Summary:**

Accept your continuing responsibility to live by God's Word daily, letting it transform your heart and guide your decisions.

### What We Can Learn:

Sanctification demands persistent obedience; acknowledgment without commitment stunts growth.

# Main Point 3: Response — React and Rejoice

# **Explanation Summary:**

Response involves becoming an active doer of God's Word. This obedience is your duty and marks your faith. God promises blessing and favor to those who live out His commands practically.

# **Application Summary:**

Demonstrate your faith through obedience—in prayer, forgiveness, service, and integrity—and receive God's blessings in your life.

#### What We Can Learn:

Active obedience proves genuine faith and brings blessing; neglect leads to spiritual stagnation.

#### Call to Action as a

#### Christian:

- Reflect daily on the Word.
- Commit to persistent obedience.
- Actively demonstrate faith in your daily life.
- Share your spiritual journey.

#### **Additional Notes**

• Live as a witness to God's transforming power.

#### Non-Christian:

- Admit your need for a Savior.
- Believe Jesus died and rose again for your sins.
- Repent and seek forgiveness.
- Commit to follow Christ daily.
- Join a community that fosters spiritual growth.

Practical Weekday Steps, Reflections, and Applications

## **Monday: Reflection**

Step: Spend 15 minutes reading Psalm 139:23-24. Ask God to search your heart and reveal areas needing growth.

Reflection: Am I a hearer only? Do I honestly see my spiritual state?

Application: Begin journaling your reflections honestly, praise God for His faithfulness in revealing truth.

## Tuesday: Realization

Step: Study James 1:25 and meditate on the "perfect law of liberty." Consider what God's law demands in your life.

Reflection: What specific commands or attitudes am I hesitant to embrace?

Application: Identify one area of resistance and commit to submitting to God's authority in that area.

## Wednesday: Response

Step: Choose one spiritual discipline: prayer, fasting, serving, or generosity. Actively engage with it today.

Reflection: How does active obedience change my heart and circumstances?

Application: Share your experience with a Christian friend or mentor for encouragement and accountability.

# **Thursday: Commitment**

Step: Reflect on your persistence. Are you continuing steadfastly in God's Word?

Reflection: Am I a forgetful hearer or a committed doer?

Application: Renew your commitment to consistent Bible study and obedience; set realistic goals.

# Friday: Celebration and Sharing

Step: Review how God has worked in your life this week through reflection, realization, and response.

Praise Him!

Reflection: What blessings have come from obedience?

Application: Publicly celebrate God's work by sharing testimony with your church family or small group.



First Baptist Church Members focus on reaping the benefits of God's Word, with the goal of cultivating spiritual fruit in our character, conduct, and actions that lead others to Christ. We aspire to be a beacon of positivity towards Jesus Christ, embracing our Church, Community, Co-Workers, City, and Country through the principles encapsulated in the acronym F.R.E.S.H. & V.A.L.U.E.

# **FRESH**

F - Forget the Past (Isaiah 43:18)

R - Repent Immediately (1 John 1:9)

E – Embrace Change (Isaiah 43:19)

S - Study the Scriptures (2 Timothy 2:15)

H - Happy Giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-9)

# **VALUE**

V - Vigilant of People Harmful Actions (3 John 9)

A - Avoid Those Who Do Evil (3 John 10)

L – Lead by Following What is Good (3 John 11)

U - Unite by Supporting Those Who Act Righteously (3 John 11)

E – Exemplify Good Behavior from Others (3 John 11)